

**CHAPTER 1053****NURSING FACILITIES – ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE AND INSPECTIONS**

S.F. 2235

**AN ACT** relating to the use of alternative licensing for nursing facilities and providing for a contingent effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 135C.2, Code Supplement 1995, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

**NEW SUBSECTION.** 7. The rules adopted by the department regarding nursing facilities shall provide that a nursing facility may choose to be inspected either by the department or by the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations. The rules regarding acceptance of inspection by the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations shall include recognition, in lieu of inspection by the department, of comparable inspections and inspection findings of the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations, if the department is provided with copies of all requested materials relating to the inspection process.

Sec. 2. Section 135C.6, Code 1995, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

**NEW SUBSECTION.** 9. Notwithstanding section 135C.9, nursing facilities which are accredited by the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations shall be licensed without inspection by the department, if the nursing facility has chosen to be inspected by the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations in lieu of inspection by the department.

Sec. 3. **CONTINGENCY – EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective upon passage of federal legislation which provides for acceptance of the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations inspections for nursing facilities required for participation in programs authorized by either Title XVIII or Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

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**CHAPTER 1054****REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS – PERMISSIBLE ACTS**

H.F. 2202

**AN ACT** relating to permissible acts related to real estate sales, exchanges, purchases, rentals, leases, or advertising by licensees and nonlicensees.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 543B.7, Code Supplement 1995, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

**NEW SUBSECTION.** 11. A nonlicensed employee of a licensee who provides information to another licensee concerning the sale, exchange, purchase, rental, lease, or advertising of real estate which has been provided to the employee by the employer licensee either verbally or in writing.